

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A composite having a controlled rate of dissolution, said composite comprising:

(a) a first region comprising a first composition that comprises calcium sulfate, said first region exhibiting a first rate of dissolution; and

(b) a second region comprising a second composition that comprises calcium sulfate, said second region exhibiting a second rate of dissolution,

said first rate of dissolution being different from said second rate of dissolution.

2 - 32. (canceled).